

Moving Checklist

For first-time home buyers & home movers

Pre-Move Planning

□ **Create a Moving Folder:** Keep all important documents, memorandum of sale, mortgage offer, contracts, surveys and legal paperwork organised in one place!

□ **Set a Moving Date:** Finalise exchange and completion dates with your estate agent and conveyancer.

□ **Research Moving Companies (or DIY):** Get quotes, read reviews, and book your movers well in advance. If DIY, arrange for a truck and helpers.

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□ **Declutter:** Sell, donate, or discard unwanted items. The less you move, the better.

□ **Redirect your Mail:** Save time and stress by redirecting your mail for a month to make sure you do not miss an important letter! Inform your bank, and home insurance company of your upcoming move.

□ **Pre-order your broadband:** Inform your current provider of the move, or choose a new provider and pre order your broadband installation once you have a completion date.

Packing

□ **Gather Supplies:** Boxes, packing tape, bubble wrap, marker pens, packing paper,

□ **Start Early:** Don't wait until the last minute. Pack a little each day.

□ **Pack Room by Room:** This helps stay organised. Label each box with its contents and the room it belongs in and give it a letter, symbol or sticker!

□ **Create a list:** Use a list to keep track of your boxes! List your box letters, symbols and stickers to make sure everything makes it on and off the van!

□ **Protect Fragile Items:** Use plenty of packing material to prevent damage. Clearly mark boxes containing fragile items.

□ **Pack an Essentials Box:** Include items you'll need immediately upon arrival, such as a toilet roll, hand soap, a tea towel, washing up liquid, any medications, phone chargers, a change of clothes, kettle, tea bags, sugar, milk, coffee and a bottle opener!

□ **Keep Valuables with You:** Important documents, jewelry, and other valuables should be kept with you during the move.

Utilities and Address Changes

□ **Utilities (New Home):**

- Set up electricity
- Set up gas
- Set up water
- Set up internet
- Set up cable/satellite
- Set up council tax

□ **Address Changes:**

- Update your doctors
- Update driver's licence
- Update vehicle registration
- Update the electoral role
- Inform banks and credit card companies
- Update online accounts

Moving Day Essentials

□ **Confirm Movers' Arrival Time:** Stay in communication with the moving company.

□ **Take Final Meter Readings:** Remember to take a photo of the electric, gas and water meters before you leave your old house, if needed.

□ **Supervise the Move:** Ensure items are loaded and unloaded correctly. Use your list to tick off boxes as they are loaded.

□ **Do a Final Walk-Through:** Check every room and closet to make sure nothing is left behind.

□ **Keep Essentials Handy:** Have your essentials box, phone, and charger readily available.

□ **Pick up Keys:** Once your Estate Agent has confirmed completion with your conveyancers, you will be able to collect the keys!

Settling In After the Move

□ **Unpack Essentials First:** Focus on setting up bedrooms, bathrooms, and the kitchen. Use your list to keep track of your boxes. Mark off a box each time you unpack it!

□ **Take Meter Readings:** Remember to take a photo of the electric, gas and water meters when you move into your new house, you will need to give these to the utility companies. Confirm that all utilities are working properly.

□ **Inspect for Damage:** Document any damage and report it to the moving company immediately.

□ **Update Your Address:** Double-check that your address has been updated with all relevant parties.

□ **Take out the Trash:** Find out your rubbish and recycling days on your local council website by searching your postcode.

□ **Relax and Enjoy Your New Home!** Check out our partners page for discounts on electrical retailers, carpets and more!

Your First Mortgage Payment

Your new mortgage lender will write to you within 2 weeks of completion to inform you of your first payment amount and date.

Quite often, if your completion date is close to your usual payment date, you may not pay your mortgage until the month after completion and the first payment will be higher to include the interest for the first month; make sure you put it aside!